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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: CIGARETTE FILTERS OF SHAPED
MICRO CAVITY FIBERS
IMPREGNATED WITH FLAVORANT
MATERIALS

ART UNIT: 1731

EXAMINER: D. A. WALLS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2002, kindly amend the
above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1-5 to read as follows.

1. A cigarette filter comprising a micro-porous fiber with open or semi-open cavities which are loaded with a flavorant delivering material in solid or liquid forms.
2. A cigarette filter as in claim 1 wherein the fiber is a trilobal fiber with continuous open or semi-open cavities.
3. A cigarette filter as in claim 1 wherein the fiber is a quadrilobal fiber with continuous open or semi-open cavities.

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